

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

Specification

Page 1 of the specification has been updated: the first line of Page 1 of the specification has been deleted and replaced by a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications". A replacement Declaration is enclosed. The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

IDS

The Applicant respectfully brings to the attention of the Examiner that the IDS enclosed with the withdrawn Notice of Allowability mailed June 1, 2004 does not pertain to the current application. Instead, the IDS refers to US application No. 10/713,072 (Our docket No. ZG013US). The Applicants requests that this IDS (copy enclosed) be placed on the correct file.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has raised both a double patenting rejection under 35 USC 101 and a non-statutory double patenting rejection in respect of the same claims 1 - 6. Both the statutory and the non-statutory double patenting rejections are based on US Patent No. 6,929,350.

It is respectfully submitted that both forms of double patenting rejection should not be raised. Claims 1 - 6 of the present application cannot be both coextensive in scope and not identical.

Claim 1 of the present application is not identical to claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,929,350. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 of the present application and of the cited application are not coextensive in scope and the rejection under 35 USC 101 should not be raised.

In respect of the non-statutory double patenting rejection, applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer in respect of the Applicant's patent cited by the Examiner.

The double patenting rejections are thus submitted to be overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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